

CT-1233  
9216 Atlantic Avenue  
North Beach, Calvert County  
Private

The construction date of the modest dwelling at 9216 Atlantic Avenue is uncertain, occurring sometime between 1919 and 1930. This plain building, which occupies two lots fronting the Chesapeake Bay, is a large 1 1/2 story, gable-front structure. A distinctive, if not overwhelming, feature of this house is its wrap-around screen porch. The 1930 Sanborn map shows the same footprint as the present building.

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**North Beach, Calvert County Survey**  
**Survey Numbers CT-1215 through CT-1253**  
**(excepting CT-1217, -1238, -1238, -1240, -1250 and-1251 )**

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Developmental Period(s):** 1870-1930; 1930-Present

**Historic Period Theme(s):** 2) Architecture, Landscape and Community Planning  
7) Social/Education/Cultural

**Resource Type:**

**Category:** building

**Historic Environment:** urban

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** dwelling

**Known Design Source:** none

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT-1233

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Avalon

and/or common 9216 Atlantic Avenue

### 2. Location

street & number 9216 Atlantic Avenue ☐ not for publication

city, town North Beach vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> ? occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles &amp; Martha Brady

street &amp; number 3799 S. Bananna River Blvd telephone no.:

city, town Cocoa Beach state and zip code: Florida 32931

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber JLB 132

street &amp; number 310 Main Street folio 645

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Evaluated in *Architectural Survey and Historic District Evaluation: North Beach, Maryland*date June, 1998 federal ☐ state ☐ ☒ county local ☐

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state Maryland

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

9216 is located on a double lot on the west side of Atlantic Avenue. It sits back from the sidewalk approximately 10' and overlooks Chesapeake Bay. The yard's perimeter is lined by a white picket fence.

9216 Atlantic Avenue is a large, but plain 1 ½-story, gable-front frame building. This unusual building sits on a very low concrete foundation, slightly above grade level. Its low-pitched roof displays almost no overhang. Narrow verge board accent the roofline. The most distinguishing feature of this building is its massive screen porch that wraps around on both the north and south sides. Historic maps confirm this as the original porch configuration. Wall area protected by the porch is sheathed with wooden shakes, while aluminum siding is used in the gables, lower section of the porch, and portions of the side walls. The wooden shakes are an historic, if not original, wall treatment. Window openings are exceptionally wide, and appear to measure approximately 3' 5" in width. The openings appear original, though the windows are modern.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) (recreation)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect						
Check: Applicable Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D							
and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G							
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local							

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This building is important for its association with the architectural development of the early-20th century summer colony and resort community of North Beach, Maryland. Please refer to continuation sheet for an historical sketch of the town.

9216 Atlantic Avenue is a very modest structure, but spans two of North Beach's most premium lots. Its ansive porch characterizes this building as a summer house, and is unlike any other in town. The construction date is uncertain. In 1919 the property was owned by Mrs. J. De Thouars, but improvements were limited to the south lot. The current building, and its characteristic porch, is clearly indicated on the 1930 Sanborn Map.

## Section 8: History and Significance

North Beach is a fair to good example of an early 20th century summer resort colony and is a Maryland example of a national trend in community development initiated by the Industrial Revolution. Communities such as North Beach were a result of the growing middle class, mobility and consumerism resulting from the industrial economy that dominated the period. Dozens of beach resorts developed around the Chesapeake Bay in the years between the end of the Civil War and the Great Depression. Some, such as Gibson Island, catered to a rich, white, gentile clientele, while Highland Beach is an example of an African-American summer colony. North Beach was in the middle of the social spectrum. While deed restrictions excluded blacks, Jews were well represented in early North Beach. Excepting this major exclusion, by the standards of the day, North Beach was a heterogeneous middle-class summer community.

North Beach was platted in 1900 (revised in 1908) and incorporated in 1910. The town was developed by a group of principally Washington-based businessmen with ties to railroad, labor and banking. Conceived as a summer residential community and resort, the town was laid out according to a standard grid. In addition to houses, the town featured a variety of tourist and recreation-oriented businesses including theaters, restaurants, dance halls, bingo parlors, amusement arcades, and night clubs--including several gay clubs.

Most surviving historic buildings were constructed in the 1920s and 1930s, and include a good collection of early-20th century vernacular buildings. Represented building types include bungalows, shotguns, American Four Square and gable-front cottages. Most commercial buildings are either destroyed or extremely altered. Many of the town's historic structures were altered in the years immediately following World War II. In the post-war years North Beach completed a transformation begun in the 1930s, from a resort and summer colony to a permanent suburban community.

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Mary Corddry, City on the Sand: Ocean City and the People Who Built It, Tidewater Publishers; Centreville, Maryland, 1991.

Quadrangle scale 1: 24,000

**B**

Zone Easting Northing

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**D**

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**G**

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**Calvert County tax map 200, block d, lots 9 & 10**

<u>state</u>	<u>code</u>	<u>county</u>	<u>code</u>
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state	code	county	code
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name/title	Sherri Marsh
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**organization** Retrospect Cultural Resource Services

date May-98

**street & number**      **9 Southgate Avenue**

**(410) 268-6099**

city or town                      Annapolis

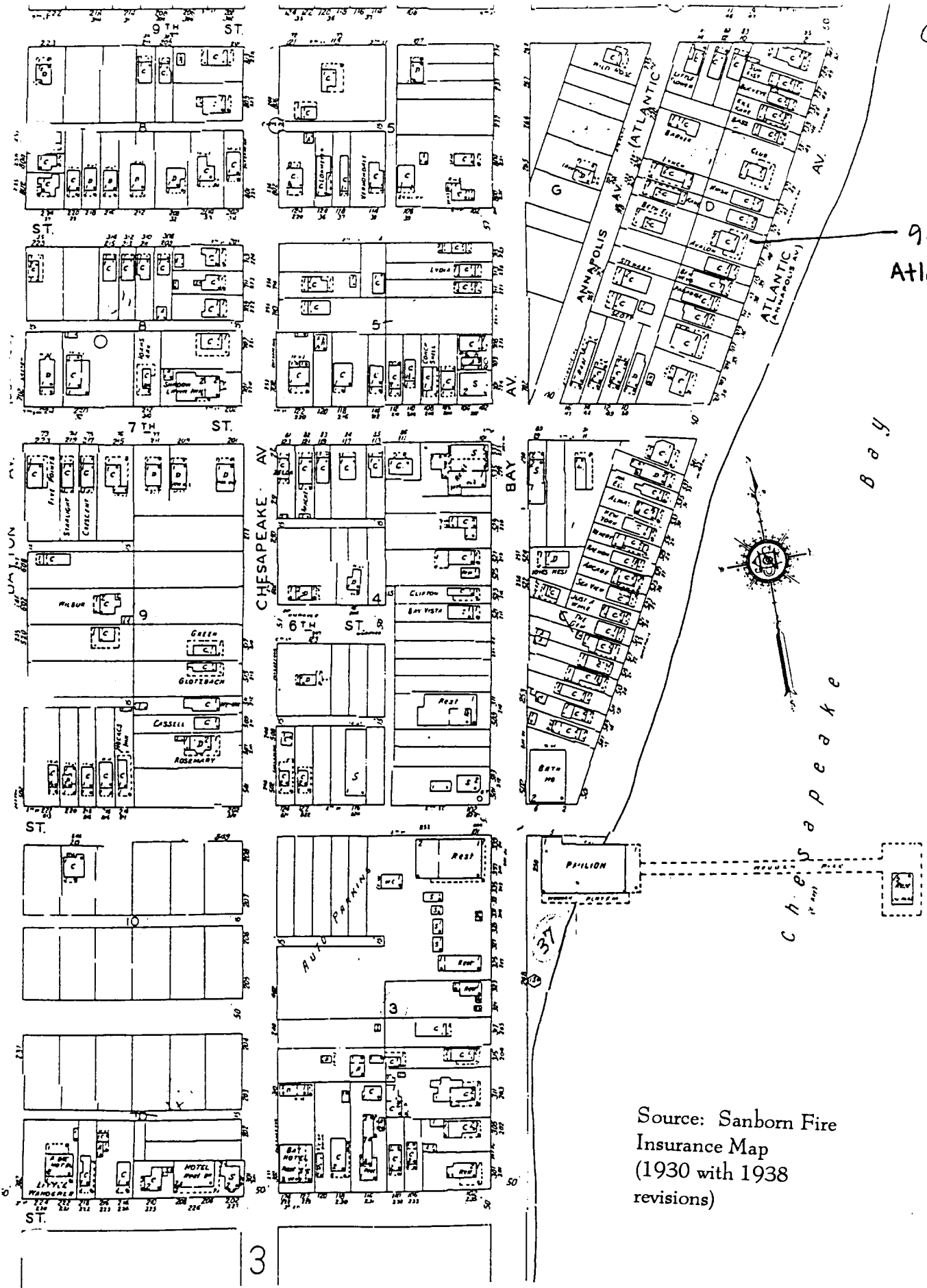
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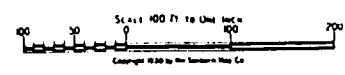
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map (1930 with 1938 revisions)





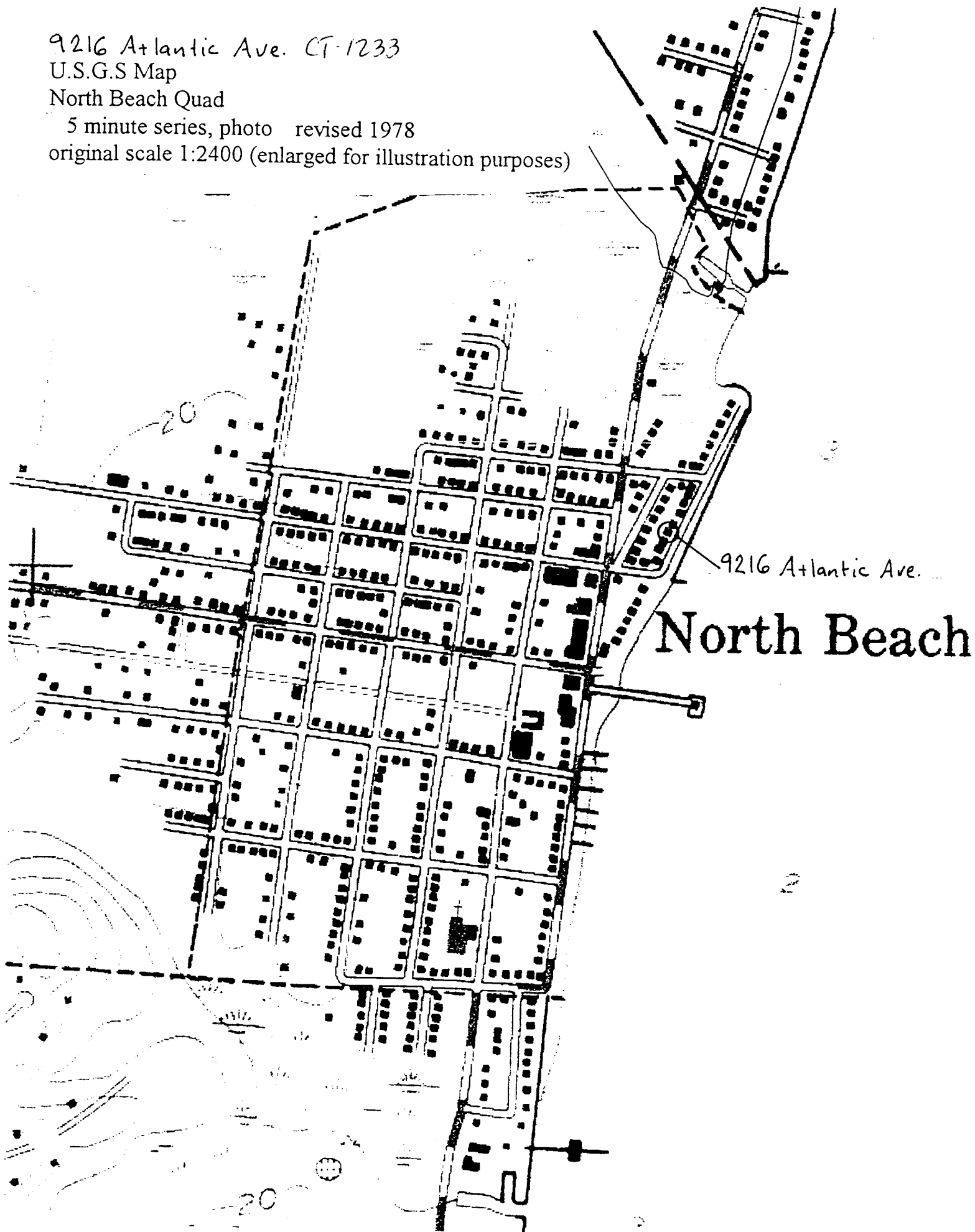
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U.S.G.S Map

North Beach Quad

5 minute series, photo revised 1978

original scale 1:2400 (enlarged for illustration purposes)





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9216 ATLANTIC AVE. NORTH BEACH

CALVERT COUNTY

SHERRI MARSH, PHOTOGRAPHER

5/10/98

east elevation

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